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TAGS: SNAR, CO
SUBJECT: MARIJUANA ERADICATION PROGRAM

REF: (A) BOGOTA 9373 (B) STATE 249590 (C) BOGOTA 11750

1. NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DANGEROUS DRUGS (NCDD), DR. LIGIA GALVIS DE ABELLO, HAS INFORMED MISSION OFFICERS THAT AT LAST MEETING OF NCDD, DECISION WAS REACHED THAT ABSOLUTELY NO FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MARIJUANA ERADICATION PILOT PROJECT.

2. ACCORDING TO DE ABELLO NOT EVEN THE 260,000 PESOS THE NCDD HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID IT HAD FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS ARE STILL AVAILABLE (REF A). SHE WAS NOT EXPLICIT AS TO WHAT HAD HAPPENED, BUT CITED GENERALLY THE NCDD'S LACK OF FUNDS, WITH NO GOVERNMENTAL BUDGET AND FORCED TO RELY ON THE INCOME FROM FINES (NOT PAID) OR AUCTIONING OF CONFISCATED PROPERTY, PARTICULARLY VEHICLES (EITHER KEPT BY ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES FOR THEIR OWN USE OR RETURNED TO OWNERS ON LEGAL GROUNDS).

3. IT WAS APPARENT DE ABELLO IS PERSONALLY OPPOSED TO ERADICATION PROGRAM SO IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER ARGUMENTS
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SHE RAISED WERE PART OF NCDD DECISION OR HER PERSONAL OPINIONS. SHE COMMENTED ON THE EXPENSE OF THE CHEMICALS AND THE FUTILITY OF LAUNCHING A PILOT PROJECT FOR A LIMITED AREA WITH NO PROSPECT OF FUNDS FOR A FULL SCALE PROGRAM THAT WOULD HAVE AN IMPACT. SHE ALSO MADE THE POINT THAT THE MARIJUANA PRODUCING AREAS WERE THE POORER AND LESS DEVELOPED AREAS OF THE COUNTRY SO THAT IF THE PEOPLE WERE

DEPRIVED OF MARIJUANA INCOME, THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE
COMPENSATING PROGRAMS.

4. DE ABELLO'S REMARKS ONLY FORMALIZED SOMEWHAT MESSAGE
THAT WAS ALREADY MADE CLEAR BY COMPLETE ABSENCE OF GOC
ACTIVITY OR INTEREST IN ERADICATION PROGRAM FOR SEVERAL
MONTHS. PILOT PROJECT AS APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT (REF B)
AND LARGER PROJECT IN NCAP (REF C) ARE APPARENTLY DEAD
FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE.
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